

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 670

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 100th birthday of the United States Army Reserve, honoring its commitment, dedication, and service to America, and wishing for its continued support to our soldiers.

WHEREAS, in 1908, the nation's leaders recognized that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector and created the first reservoir of trained officers in a military reserve status; known as the Medical Reserve Corps, this was the forerunner of the current Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, today, more than fifty-nine percent of the Army's medical assets now lie within the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, since World War I, Army Reserve soldiers have answered the nation's call to duty; in World War I, 89,500 Reserve officers were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000 Reservists participated, with Reserve officers providing twenty-nine percent of the Officer Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve has consistently been an integral part of our national military efforts; more than seventy Army Reserve units were deployed to the Korean Peninsula, more than 84,000 soldiers provided combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and others provided support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Army Reserve has transformed from a Strategic Reserve to an Operational Force; the Army Reserve provides resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, trains soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the Army mobile, and enables the Army to do more with fewer resources; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units, but provides one half of the Army's combat support and one fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve units in Tennessee have more than 3,500 trained soldiers providing the Army with doctors, nurses, engineers, attorneys, transportation specialists, law enforcement officers, and governmental administrators; and

WHEREAS, the large majority of Tennessee Army Reservists have been mobilized as a part of the global war on terror and there are currently 421 Army Reservists from Tennessee serving on active duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that Tennesseans celebrate the 100th birthday of the United States Army Reserve, honor its service to America, and wish the organization another century of continued support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.